



A New Modification of the Rojo Method for Solving Symmetric Circulant Five-Diagonal Systems of Linear Equations

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Abstract—A new, effective, and stable modification of the Rojo method [1] for solving of real symmetric circulant five-diagonal systems of linear equations is proposed. This special kind of system appears in many applications: spline approximation, difference solution of partial differential equations, etc. The method presented in this paper a very efficient and stable method. © 1900 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Many problems in mathematics lead to the solution of sparse linear systems. Such problems are the solution of elliptic difference equations by finite difference or finite element methods [2]. When we consider the finite difference approximation of Poisson's equation on a rectangular region with Dirichlet boundary conditions we obtain the systems with a block tridiagonal matrix [2–4] or a band matrix [3,4]. In this problem, when we replace the Dirichlet boundary conditions by periodicity conditions the matrix of a resulting linear system is a block circulant matrix [3,4]. This system reduces the problem to the solution of n circulant linear systems which may be solved in parallel. In the solution of one-dimensional elliptic equations subject to periodic boundary conditions and the approximation of periodic functions using splines, banded circulant matrices are encountered [5]. These circulant matrices can be factored as a product of two simpler circulants [4] and the systems may then be solved by using the Woodbury formula [6].

The direct methods for solution of this special banded linear systems are very effective ones [2,4,7,8]. They are attractive since in theory they yield the exact solution. There are the direct methods which are based on a LU -decomposition [9] and direct methods which are based on the use of the fast Fourier transform [3,7,10].

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In [1] Rojo proposes a new stable method for solving of real symmetric tridiagonal circulant linear algebraic systems of equations. Here we extend this method for solving of real symmetric five-diagonal circulant $n \times n$ linear systems. Our method uses a LU -decomposition and requires $O(n)$ operations. This method is competitive with Gaussian elimination in terms of arithmetic operations and storage requirements. Such kind of systems have the form

$$Mx = f, \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & & & & c & b \\ b & a & b & . & & & & c \\ c & b & a & . & . & & 0 & \\ & . & . & . & . & . & & \\ & & . & . & . & . & . & \\ & & & . & . & . & . & \\ 0 & & & & . & . & . & . \\ c & & & & & c & b & a & b \\ b & c & & & & & c & b & a \end{pmatrix} = M(a, b, c, 0, \dots, 0, c, b) \quad (1.2)$$

is $n \times n$ matrix ($n \geq 5$). Further, we assume, that M is strongly diagonal dominant, i.e.,

$$|a| > 2|b| + 2|c|, \quad (1.3)$$

where $c \neq 0$. (The case $c = 0$ is considered by Rojo in [1].) Further, without loss of generality, we assume that $a > 0$, $c = -1$, or $a > 0$, $c = 1$. Then for these two cases (1.3) takes the form

$$a > 2m + 2,$$

where $m = |b|$.

2. SYMMETRIC THREE-PARAMETRIC FIVE-DIAGONAL LINEAR SYSTEMS

In this section, we shall study the three-parametric linear systems

$$Ny = f, \quad (2.1)$$

where $n \times n$ matrix $N = (n_{ij})$ has the form

$$N = N(a, b, c; \alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta & c & & & & & \\ \beta & \gamma & b & . & & & & \\ c & b & a & . & . & & 0 & \\ & . & . & . & . & . & & \\ & & . & . & . & . & . & \\ & & & . & . & . & . & c \\ 0 & & & & . & . & . & b \\ & & & & & c & b & a \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e.,

$$n_{ij} = n_{ji} = \begin{cases} \alpha, & i = j = 1, \\ \beta, & i = 1, \quad j = 2, \\ \gamma, & i = j = 2, \\ a, & i = j > 2, \\ b, & i - j = 1, \quad j > 1, \\ c, & i - j = 2, \quad j > 2, \\ 0, & \text{in the other cases.} \end{cases}$$

The problem is to find the parameters α, β, γ , in such a way that N to have a real LU -factorization

$$N = LU. \quad (2.2)$$

CASE 1. $c = -1$ ($\delta^2 = a - 2m - 2 > 0, m > 0$).

In this case, we find L and U in LU -factorization (2.2) of the form

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & & & & & & \\ \beta & \alpha & & & & & \\ -1 & . & . & & & & 0 \\ & . & . & . & & & \\ & & . & . & . & & \\ & & & . & . & . & \\ 0 & & & & . & . & . \\ & & & & & -1 & \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix},$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\beta}{\alpha} & -\frac{1}{\alpha} & & & & \\ & . & . & . & & & \\ & & . & . & . & & 0 \\ & & & . & . & . & \\ & & & & . & . & . \\ & & & & & . & . & -\frac{1}{\alpha} \\ & & & & & & . & \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \\ 0 & & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e.,

$$N = \frac{1}{\alpha} LL^T = \alpha U^T U.$$

The last equations are equivalent the nonlinear system

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma + \frac{1}{\alpha} &= a, \\ \beta - \frac{\beta}{\alpha} &= b, \\ \alpha + \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha} &= \gamma. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

We are interested in a solution in real numbers. From (2.3) by eliminating of β and γ , we receive

$$\left[\alpha m - (1 - \alpha)^2 \right]^2 = \alpha(1 - \alpha)^2 \delta^2 > 0. \quad (2.4)$$

It is easy to see, that if (α, β, γ) is a real solution of (2.3), then $\alpha > 0$ and $\alpha \neq 1$. Transforming (2.4) into

$$\frac{m\sqrt{\alpha}}{1 - \alpha} - \frac{1 - \alpha}{\sqrt{\alpha}} = \pm \delta \quad (2.5)$$

and putting

$$\frac{1 - \alpha}{\sqrt{\alpha}} = x.$$

From (2.5), we get four values for x :

$$x_i = \frac{\pm \delta \pm \sqrt{\delta^2 + 4m}}{2}.$$

We arrange them as follows:

$$x_1 < x_2 < 0 < x_3 < x_4.$$

The corresponding $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i$ are

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_i &= \frac{-x_i \pm \sqrt{x_i^2 + 4}}{2}, \\ \beta_i &= \frac{b\alpha_i}{\alpha_i - 1}, \\ \gamma_i &= \alpha_i + \frac{\beta_i^2}{\alpha_i},\end{aligned}\tag{2.6}$$

where

$$\alpha_1 > \alpha_2 > 1 > \alpha_3 > \alpha_4 > 0.$$

Hence, there are four possible factorizations of N

$$N = \frac{1}{\alpha_i} L_i L_i^\top, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4),$$

corresponding to the four solutions (2.6). Let us note the three extreme cases.

CASE 1.1. $\delta > 0, m = 0$ ($a > 2$)

$$\begin{array}{cccc}\alpha_i : & \frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 - 4}}{2} & 1 & 1 & \frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 - 4}}{2}, \\ \beta_i : & 0 & -\sqrt{a - 2} & \sqrt{a - 2} & 0, \\ \gamma_i : & \frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 - 4}}{2} & a - 1 & a - 1 & \frac{a - \sqrt{a^2 - 4}}{2}.\end{array}$$

There are four different factorizations.

CASE 1.2. $\delta = 0, m > 0$ ($a = 2m + 1$).

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1 &= \alpha_2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{m+4} + \sqrt{m}}{2} \right)^2, \\ \alpha_3 &= \alpha_4 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{m+4} - \sqrt{m}}{2} \right)^2, \\ \beta_i &= \frac{\alpha_i b}{\alpha_i - 1}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4.\end{aligned}$$

There are two different factorizations.

CASE 1.3. $\delta = m = 0, (a = 2)$:

$$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (1, 0, 1).$$

There is one factorization.

CASE 2. $c = 1$ ($a > 2m + 2, m > 0$).

In this second case, the nonlinear system for α, β, γ has the form

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma + \frac{1}{\alpha} &= a, \\ \beta + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} &= b, \\ \alpha + \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha} &= \gamma.\end{aligned}\tag{2.7}$$

Again it is easy to see that if (α, β, γ) is a real solution of (2.7), then $\alpha > 0$. Now the elimination β and γ gives

$$\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha m^2}{(\alpha + 1)^2} = a, \quad (2.8)$$

after the substitution

$$\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha} = x,$$

we transform (2.8) into quadratic equation for x with real and different solutions x_1, x_2 ($x_1 > x_2$)

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{a - 2 \pm \sqrt{(a + 2)^2 - 4m^2}}{2}. \quad (2.9)$$

For every one solution x_i , we get two values α_{ij} :

$$\alpha_{i,j} = \frac{x_i \pm \sqrt{x_i^2 - 4}}{2}.$$

When $\alpha_{i,1}$ and $\alpha_{i,2}$ are real, we suppose that $\alpha_{i,1} \geq \alpha_{i,2}$. It is clear that for i fixed, $\alpha_{i,j}$ will be a component of the solution of our problem, if $x_i \geq 2$. We shall show that the last condition is always satisfied for x_1 from (2.9). More exactly we shall show, that $x_1 \geq 4$. Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{a - 2 + \sqrt{(a + 2)^2 - 4m^2}}{2} \\ &> \frac{2m + \sqrt{(2m + 4)^2 - 4m^2}}{2} \\ &= m + 4\sqrt{m + 1} > m + 4 > 4. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\alpha_{1,1} > \frac{2m + 7}{2} > 1, \quad \alpha_{1,2} < \frac{2}{2m + 7} < 1.$$

For x_2 from (2.9) one can prove that $x_2 \geq 2$, if $a > 18$ and $m \in [2\sqrt{a - 2}, (a - 2)/2]$.

So in this case N can have 2, 3, or 4 LU factorizations.

REMARK 1. For the case $c = 1$, we can mark three extreme possibilities, too.

REMARK 2. If for $(\alpha > 0, \beta, \gamma)$ there exists LU factorization of N , the matrix N is positive definite.

DEFINITION 1. A solution (α, β, γ) and corresponding LU factorization of N are optimal when they correspond to $\alpha = \alpha_{\max}$.

THEOREM 1. If (α, β, γ) optimal, then

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad & a - 2m - 2 < \gamma - |\beta| - m - 1 < \alpha - |\beta| - 1, \\ (b) \quad & a > \gamma > \alpha, \\ (c) \quad & a + 2m + 2 > \gamma + |\beta| + m + 1 > \alpha + |\beta| + 1. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

PROOF. Case $c = -1$. As we saw, in this case $\alpha_1 = \alpha_{\max}$, correspond to $x_1 = x_{\min}$

$$x_1 = \frac{-\delta - \sqrt{\delta^2 + 4m}}{2}.$$

From the last expression we get $m = x^2 + \delta x$, i.e.,

$$m < x^2. \quad (2.11)$$

The inequality (2.11) is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{m}{\alpha - 1} < 1,$$

from which we find

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma - m - |\beta| - 1 &= a - \frac{1}{\alpha} - m - \frac{m\alpha}{\alpha - 1} - 1 \\ &= a - 2m - 1 - \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{m}{\alpha - 1} \right) \\ &> a - 2m - 1 - 1 = a - 2m - 2. \end{aligned}$$

The second inequality of (2.10a) is true too, since it is equivalent of (2.11).

The inequalities (2.10b,c) follow immediately. Namely

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \gamma + \frac{1}{\alpha} > \gamma = \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha} + \alpha, \\ (a + 2m + 2) - (\gamma + |\beta| + m + 1) &= \frac{1}{\alpha} + m + 1 - |\beta|, \\ \frac{1}{\alpha} + m + 1 - \frac{m\alpha}{\alpha - 1} &= \frac{1}{\alpha} + 1 - \frac{m\alpha}{\alpha - 1} \\ &> \frac{1}{\alpha} + 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1 = \frac{2}{\alpha} > 0, \\ (\gamma + |\beta| + m + 1) - (\alpha + |\beta| + 1) &= \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha} + m > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Case $c = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma - |\beta| - m - 1 &= a - \frac{1}{\alpha} - |\beta| - m - 1 \\ &= a - \frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{m\alpha}{\alpha + 1} - m - 1 > a - 2m - 2. \end{aligned}$$

So we proved (2.10a).

As for the second inequality of (2.10a), it is true since it is easy to see that it is equivalent to

$$\frac{\alpha m^2}{(\alpha + 1)^2} + \alpha > m.$$

But the last inequality is equivalent to $a > m + 1/\alpha$, which is true. So the second inequality of (2.10a) is true too.

The inequalities (2.10b,c) one can proved, as in the case $c = -1$.

COROLLARY 1. If $N_{\max} = N(a, b, -1; \alpha_{\max}, \beta, \gamma) = (1/\alpha_{\max})L_{\max}L_{\max}^T$, then N_{\max} and L_{\max} are strongly diagonal matrices.

REMARK 3. In the above mentioned three extreme cases, some of the inequalities (2.10) become equalities.

Let $A = (a_{ij})$ be a $n \times n$ strongly dominant diagonal matrix, i.e.,

$$r_i = |a_{ii}| - \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}| > 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

For such kind of matrices there are known the following results for A^{-1} and its elements a'_{ij} [11]:

$$\|A^{-1}\|_{\infty} \leq \max_k \frac{1}{r_k}, \quad (2.12)$$

$$|a'_{ij}a_{jj}| \leq \left(\min_k \frac{r_k}{|a_{kk}|} \right)^{-1} \left(1 - \min_k \frac{r_k}{|a_{kk}|} \right)^{|i-j|/s}. \quad (2.13)$$

In (2.13), we suppose that A is $(2s + 1)$ -band matrix, i.e., $a_{ij} = 0$ for $|i - j| > s > 0$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} N^{-1} &= N_{\max}^{-1} = (n'_{ij}), \\ L^{-1} &= L_{\max}^{-1} = (\alpha'_{ij}) = (\alpha'_{i-j}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha_{ij} = 0$ for $i < j$. Then from (2.10), (2.12), and (2.13) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|N^{-1}\|_{\infty} &\leq \frac{1}{a - 2m - 2} = \frac{1}{\delta}, \\ \|L^{-1}\|_{\infty} &\leq \frac{1}{\alpha - |\beta| - 1} < \frac{1}{\delta}, \\ \text{cond}_{\infty}(N) &= \|N\|_{\infty} \|N^{-1}\|_{\infty} < \frac{a + 2m + 2}{a - 2m - 2}, \\ \text{cond}_{\infty}(L) &= \|L\|_{\infty} \|L^{-1}\|_{\infty} < \frac{\alpha + |\beta| + 1}{\alpha - |\beta| - 1} < \text{cond}_{\infty}(A), \\ |n'_{ij}| &< \frac{a}{2\delta} \left(\frac{2m + 2}{a} \right)^{|i-j|/2}, \\ |\alpha'_k| &< \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - |\beta| - 1} \left(\frac{|\beta| + 1}{2} \right)^{k/2}. \end{aligned}$$

From these two inequalities it follow that $n'_{ij} \rightarrow 0$ and $\alpha'_k \rightarrow 0$ when $|i - j|$ and k increase, respectively. The relation $\alpha'_k \rightarrow 0$ ($k \rightarrow \infty$) can be obtained directly from the formula

$$\alpha'_k = \frac{1}{\Delta} \left[\left(\frac{\Delta - \beta}{2\alpha} \right)^{k+1} + (-1)^k \left(\frac{\Delta + \beta}{2\alpha} \right)^{k+1} \right],$$

for the elements of L^{-1} , where $\Delta = \sqrt{\beta^2 + 2\alpha}$.

Having the LU factorization of N , the solution of the system $Ny = f$, i.e., $LUy = f$ we can be reduced to the solution of linear systems: $Lz = f$; $Uy = z$.

3. SOLUTION OF FIVE-DIAGONAL SYMMETRIC TOEPLITZ LINEAR SYSTEM

Here, we shall apply the results of Section 2 for solving symmetric Toeplitz linear system of the form

$$Pu = f, \tag{3.1}$$

where the symmetric Toeplitz matrix P has the form

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & & & \\ b & a & b & . & & \\ c & b & a & . & . & 0 \\ . & . & . & . & . & \\ . & . & . & . & . & \\ 0 & . & . & . & c & b \\ c & b & a & & & \end{pmatrix} = P(a, b, c; a, b, a),$$

and $c = -1$ or $c = 1$, $a > 2m + 2$. The solution of the system (3.1) begin with with solution the corresponding parametric linear system

$$Ny = f,$$

where $N = N(a, b, c; \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$. The parameters (α, β, γ) can be found as in Section 2. Then for the matrix

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} a - \alpha & b - \beta \\ b - \beta & a - \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \begin{pmatrix} \beta^2 + 1 & \pm\beta \\ \pm\beta & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

we use the factorization

$$R = SS^\top,$$

where

$$S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\beta^2 + 1} & 0 \\ \pm \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\beta^2 + 1}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta^2 + 1}} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.2)$$

In this case, the matrices P and N are connected by the relation

$$P = N + UU^\top, \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} S \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and 0 is the $(n - 2) \times 2$ zero matrix. Using (3.3) and the Woodbury's formula [6], we receive

$$\begin{aligned} P^{-1} &= N^{-1} - N^{-1}U(I + U^\top N^{-1}U)^{-1}U^\top N^{-1}, \\ u &= P^{-1}f = y - N^{-1}U(I + U^\top N^{-1}U)^{-1}U^\top y. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

It is clear that the solution u can be found from the last formula (3.4) by successive calculation of the expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= N^{-1}f, \quad N^{-1}U, \quad U^\top N^{-1}U, \quad (I + U^\top (N^{-1}U))^{-1}, \\ U^\top y, \quad z &= (I + U^\top (N^{-1}U))^{-1}(U^\top y), \quad (N^{-1}U)z, \quad u = P^{-1}f. \end{aligned}$$

The main part of above calculations is in finding the first two expressions, which is equivalent to solving of three linear systems of kind (2.1) with the same matrix N and different right-hand sides.

4. SOLVING OF FIVE-DIAGONAL SYMMETRIC CIRCULANT LINEAR SYSTEM

Now we can start with consideration of our new modification of the Rojo's method for solving $n \times n$ linear system of the kind (1.1),(1.2). This modification we shall consider only in the case $c = -1$, i.e., $a > 2m + 2$. (The consideration of case $c = 1$ is similar.) For this aim, let us introduce the notations:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f} &= (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{n-2})^\top, & \tilde{f} &= (f_{n-1}, f_n)^\top, & f &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{f} \\ \tilde{f} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \hat{x} &= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2})^\top, & \tilde{x} &= (x_{n-1}, x_n)^\top, & x &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \tilde{x} \end{pmatrix}, \\ Q &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & b \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, & V^\top &= (Q^\top, 0^\top, Q), & A &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where 0 is $(n - 6) \times 2$ zero matrix. According to above notations the system (1.1),(1.2) can be written in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} P & V \\ V^\top & A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \tilde{x} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{f} \\ \tilde{f} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.1)$$

where $(n-2) \times (n-2)$ matrix P has the form $P = P(a, b, -1; a, b, a)$. But (4.1) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} P\hat{x} + V\tilde{x} &= \hat{f}, \\ V^\top \hat{x} + A\tilde{x} &= \tilde{f}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

After elimination of \tilde{x} from (4.2), we get the linear system

$$G\hat{x} = r,$$

where

$$G = P - VA^{-1}V^\top, \quad r = \hat{f} - VA^{-1}\tilde{f}. \quad (4.3)$$

If we apply again the Woodbury's formula from the first relation (4.3), we obtain

$$G^{-1} = P^{-1} + P^{-1}V(A + V^\top P^{-1}V)^{-1}V^\top P^{-1}$$

and

$$\hat{x} = G^{-1}r = u + P^{-1}V(A + V^\top P^{-1}V)^{-1}V^\top u, \quad (4.4)$$

where $u = P^{-1}r$.

To compute \hat{x} we use (4.4) in a similar way as (3.4). The difference here is that the main calculation is for solving of three $(n-2) \times (n-2)$ linear systems of kind (3.1) with the same matrix P and different right-hand sides.

Finding of \hat{x} from (4.4), we get \tilde{x} from the second equation (4.2) by formula

$$\tilde{x} = A^{-1}(\tilde{f} - V^\top \hat{x}). \quad (4.5)$$

5. NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS

The method described here were tried for $n \times n$ symmetric circulant linear systems $Mx = f$ with exact solution $x = (1, 1, \dots, 1)^\top$ and

- I. $M = M(n+1/2, n/2-1, -1, 0, \dots, -1, n/2-1)$,
- II. $M = M(n+1, n/2-1, -1, 0, \dots, -1, n/2-1)$,
- III. $M = M(n+2, n/2-1, -1, 0, \dots, -1, n/2-1)$.

The results \tilde{x} are given in the next table in which $\varepsilon = \|x - \tilde{x}\|_\infty$.

Table 1.

n	$\varepsilon = \ x - \tilde{x}\ _\infty$		
	I	II	III
20	1.0911E-11	1.2732E-11	9.0951E-12
50	9.0949E-11	4.1836E-11	1.2733E-11
100	1.4006E-10	1.9281E-10	7.8216E-11
200	2.5829E-9	3.1468E-10	2.8012E-10
400	2.3756E-9	2.2973E-9	3.2559E-10
800	1.7455E-8	2.8031E-9	2.3501E-9
1000	2.0372E-9	1.5643E-9	4.1836E-10

6. GENERAL CONCLUSIONS AND REMARKS

The method described here is a very effective and stable one, provided optimal LU factorization is used.

Our method is competitive the other methods [4] for solving circulant linear systems which appear in many applications.

The realization of the method need $O(n)$ operations.

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